

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 7004 of the First Extraordinary Session

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory and recognize the achievements of Oscar Denton Little, Sr., of Clarkrange.

WHEREAS, Oscar Denton Little, Sr., was born on June 30, 1881, in Monroe. He married Alice Peters on June 23, 1903, and their blessed union produced ten children: Herbert Little, Clyde Little, Harvey Vastine Little, Zoe Dell Little Medley, Bonnie Little Hall, Oscar Denton Little, Jr., Claude Little, Joseph Maurice Little, Maxine Little Prater, and Jeanie Sevier Little; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Little reared their children on their family farm in Clarkrange, and Mr. Little worked diligently to provide for his family as a farmer and cross tie and lumber buyer; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Little was a strong supporter of public education. He and Mrs. Little encouraged their children to pursue postsecondary education, and many of them became public educators in the Upper Cumberland area, positively influencing thousands of lives; and

WHEREAS, a well-known leader in local and state politics, Mr. Little was also an ardent advocate of rural infrastructure; he is remembered for driving voters to Nashville to support the construction of State Highway 62, which increased economic opportunity for the citizens in the Upper Cumberland region; and

WHEREAS, admired for his wisdom, Oscar Little served as a leader of Clarkrange Masonic Lodge # 605 and as the Sunday School Superintendent of Clarkrange United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Denton Little, Sr., passed away on June 20, 1963. He left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we pay tribute to the memory of Oscar Denton Little, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.